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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALLS: MOSCOW SIGNAL

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RAISE MOSCOW SIGNAL WITH GROMYKO, BREZHNEV OR PODGORNYY IN COURSE OF YOUR FAREWELL CALLS. IF YOU HAVE NO FIRM APPOINTMENT WITH BREZHNEV OR PODGORNYY AT THE TIME YOU SEE GROMYKO, YOU SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY. YOU SHOULD NOT SINGLE OUT SIGNAL QUESTION IN YOUR PRESENTATION EXCEPT BY NOTING THAT YOU ARE RAISING IT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN YOUR DISCUSSION:

-- THE SIGNALS ARE A MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN TO US AND THE TRANSMISSIONS CONTINUE TO AFFECT THE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE STAFF IN MOSCOW.

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-- WE HAVE PUBLICLY NOTED THE REDUCED STRENGTH OF THE

SIGNALS, BUT IT REMAINS OUR FIRM VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD
BE TERMINATED ALTOGETHER.

-- SUCH A STEP WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE IMPROVED
RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WORKED FOR DURING YOUR TOUR IN
MOSCOW.

3. IF SOVIETS RAISE QUESTION OF US INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT WAS SOVIET
SIDE WHICH LOST INTEREST IN HYLAND-VORONTSOV DISCUSSIONS
BUT THAT WE ARE READY AT ANY TIME TO RESUME TALKS WHICH
WOULD LEAD TO COMPLETE CESSATION OF SOVIET TRANSMISSIONS.
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